

RADICALS' OUTLOOK FAR FROM HOPEFUL

Voice in Coming Congress Will Be Small One.

MANY FIGHTS ABANDONED

One Seat in Senate May Be Gained, but That May Be Offset by Loss Elsewhere.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 21.—Notwithstanding the increased rumble of radicalism, a survey of the political situation reveals small hope for the extremists to gain increased expression in the next congress.

This is especially noted in the senate, where the plan of the non-partisan league and farmer-laborers can, at their best gain only one vote. These elements now get their representation in the senate through the following senators: LaFollette, republican, of Wisconsin; France, republican, of Maryland; and Nugent, Democrat, of Idaho.

The one chance for a gain is in North Dakota, where Dr. F. Ladd, non-partisan-leaguer, is almost certain to be elected to the senate in the place of Senator A. J. Grona. However, Dr. Ladd's election may be offset by the defeat of Senator Nugent of Idaho, who is one of the most dependable men in either house of congress on matters of a radical nature.

Radicals Trust Nugent. Senator Nugent is frankly for government ownership of railroads and voted as the Plumb plan league desired on every test during the passage of the Esch-Cummings railroad bill. Radicals are quite sure that Senator Nugent can be depended upon at the right time to support the nationalization of all basic industries, including the mines.

The Idaho senator is by far the most effective aide of the radical cause in the senate because he has a quiet way of supporting the extremists. He is not a grandstander and manifests no desire for publicity, being the very antithesis of LaFollette, who makes so much noise that he sometimes frightens away those who might give support to some of the milder radical measures.

The bond of sympathy between Nugent and the radicals appears to go back to the time in 1907 when he assisted Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, in the defense of Haywood, Pettibone and Meyer in the Steunburg murder case.

Support Won at Trial. The first named of the three defendants is none other than "Big Bill" Haywood, head of the Industrial Workers of the World, who is now a convicted felon for violation of the espionage act. Nugent won the friendship of all of the radicals in that celebrated trial and they have been true to him. He has been equally true to them. Perhaps he is not so much appreciated as LaFollette among the different breeds of radicals, because he does not fight as openly and with as much intensity.

The average radical is fond of denunciation and LaFollette is the outcry for all of the unkind sentiments the radicals profess to think about everybody else. In other words, LaFollette is both a radical and an agitator, while Nugent is radical without being an agitator. The Idaho senator had been in the senate almost two years before he delivered his maiden speech. He has had little to say since that time, but he never misses a vote on the measures in which the many varieties of radicals are interested, which is not always true of LaFollette. LaFollette faded away just at the time that he was most needed to carry on the Plumb plan league fight against the Esch-Cummings bill and it was announced that he was ill. Nugent, on the other hand, was on the job every minute.

Fight On in Wisconsin. The radicals are working hard to elect James Thompson to the senate from Wisconsin in the place of LeRooy. Thompson's election would be a genuine triumph for the radicals, as will be best understood by quoting an utterance of Thompson's made here in a speech during the recent primary campaign in which he was defeated by LeRooy. He is quoted as saying: "Elect me and Bob will have two votes in the senate instead of one."

By "Bob" he meant Bob LaFollette. The possible effect of Thompson's candidacy, however, which is on an independent ticket, might be to defeat LeRooy and elect Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, the democratic nominee.

Over in the house the Plumb plan league and Gompers party, though claiming to have won in 40 contests for senate seats, have actually won in reality but one victory to its credit. This was the defeat of Representative Esch of Wisconsin, co-author of the Esch-Cummings law. By combining with all the terrorist organizations in the Esch district it was possible to nominate Esch's opponent.

Many Contests Abandoned. In every other instance where the Plumb plan league and the Gompers so-called non-partisan labor party claims victory, the result can easily be traced to other influences.

Since the primaries the radicals have abandoned most of the contests in the congressional districts of the country. They were so soundly beaten everywhere that they gave up the fight. Much of their effort is now centered in one district in Washington and one in Oregon, where Representatives Webster and McArthur are being bitterly opposed for re-election. Outside these two districts only desultory campaigns are being carried on in a few other states.

CROP-RICH UNION SEEN
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sider my time well spent, as it may relate to the serious side of business, and the feeling of new friends."

Better Understanding Urged. A plea for the better understanding of the problems of all Oregon was made by Robert E. Smith, who declared that if this is only a trade and get-together it has failed of its purpose and possibilities.

"Not only is it the duty of the Portland men to get first-hand information of the problems of every nook and corner of Oregon," said Mr. Smith, "but it is the duty of men living in all sections to visit other parts of the state for the purpose of solving our individual and common problems. Country boundaries are no longer commercial and social boundaries, and sectionalism is giving way to state pride and state consciousness."

Members of the trade excursion are as one in admitting that the great eastern section of Oregon is rich with possibilities for intensive development. They are frankly amazed at the distances and diversity of its territory through which they have

passed. And they say that their return to Portland will mark a new era of understanding between the two great districts of the state, despite the Cascades. They have heard criticism, much of it, but delivered in almost every instance with a candor that was genuinely lacking in abuse.

Equitable Readjustment Wanted. It was Jay Dobbin, dean of Wallows county ranchers, who told the visitors that agricultural unrest is not only created by the decline of agricultural markets, but by an apparently inexplicable gap between the price of raw products and the tag on the finished article. He bade the Portland trade emissaries remember that it goes against the grain, in a wool district, for sheepmen to buy a macintosh through which he thrusts his elbow within the month, and to realize that his wool cannot find a market while shoddy masquerades as the genuine. And he contrasted the price of raw hides, by the pound, a matter of cents, with the \$17 cost of two pounds of finished shoe.

"We are with you," said Mr. Dobbin, "but we ask you to aid in a more equitable readjustment. We have no patience with radicalism, and in this connection I want to pay a tribute to your mayor, George Baker, who took such a firm stand against the I. W. W. in your city that radicalism did not find root in Portland or in Oregon."

"But we do feel that the men on the soil are entitled to simple justice and recognition. Your prosperity is bound up with theirs." At Elgin, this morning the excursionists were breakfast guests of the thriving Little Union county city. Brief noon halts were made at Imbler and Island City. The special train leaves La Grande at 11:50 tonight and will halt tomorrow afternoon at Pendleton. Visits will be paid during the day to Adams, Athena, Weston, Milton and Freewater, on the Walla Walla branch.

BRITISH WAGE FOUND LOW

OLE HANSON RUNS INTO REASONS FOR BOLSHIEVISM.

Ex-Mayor of Seattle Says Miners Have Lost Sympathy of People. Strike Means Hardship.

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LONDON, Oct. 21.—Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle, who cleared Seattle of bolsheviks and who is now traveling through England studying industrial conditions, cost, living, wages, hours, etc., said that he had not found any more bolshevism in Britain than there is in the United States. "And," said Mr. Hanson, "there is damned sight more reason for it here."

Hanson declared the average British workman is getting less wages than the average American worker despite the fact he has to pay more for necessities of life except rent and wool clothing. Regarding the coal strike Hanson says the miners' case is a bad one.

"The investigation shows they have lost the sympathy of the British people," he said. "They are the aristocrats of British labor and receive more on the average a day by far than any other class of workers here. They produce less coal a day a man than they produced before the war, although there are 100,000 more workers in the mines. The government is ready for a showdown, but God help the poor people of Britain while the strike is on. Millions will go hungry within three weeks if the strike continues, but I guess Lloyd George wants to know who constitutes the government of England. Apparently government ownership of things doesn't bring about either contentment, in-



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Hanson told an amusing experience in Liverpool a few days ago. While walking along the docks he found a communist speaker attacking England and the United States before a large crowd of workers. "I took up a position about 50 feet away," said Hanson, "and began a little talk of my own. In 15 minutes I had 45 per cent of the crowd listening to me."

AMERICANS VISIT POPE
Small Pilgrimage Receives Apostolic Benediction in Rome.

ROME, Oct. 21.—Pope Benedict today received a small American pilgrimage headed by Monsignor John

Grimes, bishop of Syracuse, N. Y. It included Bishop Matthias C. Lentini, Great Falls, Mont. Several ladies accompanied the party.

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